

REMARKS

Claims 1-39, 41-50, 73, 76 are cancelled, and claims 40, 51-54, and 77-81 have been amended. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the above amendment and remarks as set forth hereinbelow.

The subject application is currently under appeal, and the prosecution of the subject application is closed. A Request for Continued Prosecution (RCE) is filed herewith to withdraw the appeal and reopen prosecution of the subject application before the Examiner.

The prior art of record does not disclose IOL attachments utilizing cleats in combination with eyelets, let alone stretchable eyelets configured to be stretched to firmly attach to cleats according to the claimed invention. The Examiner is referred to page 8, lines 27 and 28 of the specification describing this feature and advantages, which states that “the eyelet [to be] is slightly stretched as the haptic is slightly sprung to allow a stronger attachment.”

In view of the above amendment and remarks, it is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that my otherwise are provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are necessary and hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 11-1243.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 11-1243.

Respectfully submitted,

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